

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a design support system constructed so as to comprise a manufacturing line information preparation section and an output section. On the basis of element types selected by a selection section as arbitrary element types to be used for constituting a manufacturing line, the manufacturing line information preparation section prepares information about the manufacturing line by means of acquiring information about element types stored in an element type database beforehand. The output section can output the information about the manufacturing line prepared by the manufacturing line information preparation section. A manufacturing line including a plurality of steps is efficiently examined, determined, and established, thereby shortening the time required to design and manufacture the manufacturing line and curtailing manufacturing costs.